

# Arlington 2024 Annual Town Meeting — Substitute Motion

ARTICLE NO. 14

Dated: April 18, 2024

**VOTED: That the Recommended Vote of the Arlington Select Board under Article 14 be and hereby is substituted with the following:**

The Town hereby amends Title I of the Town's Bylaws to add a new Article 26 that reads as follows:

## **TITLE I ARTICLE 26 FOCUSED RESIDENTIAL PICKETING**

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in targeted residential picketing between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.

B. For the purpose of this section, targeted residential picketing means picketing, protesting, or demonstrating, with or without signs, that is specifically directed towards one or more occupants of a particular residence, and which takes place before or about the particular targeted residence. Those engaged in targeted residential picketing between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. remain subject to all other bylaws and state statutes, including but not limited to laws concerning excessive noise, disturbing the peace, harassment, and blocking of streets and sidewalks.

C. Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for the first offense in any twelve (12) month period, one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars for the second offense in any twelve (12) month period, and three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for any third and subsequent offense in any twelve (12) month period. All fines issued under this section shall be enforced pursuant to the non-criminal disposition procedures of G.L. c. 40, s. 21D, which procedures are incorporated herein by reference.

D. This section shall be enforced by the Arlington Police Department.

E. If any provision of this shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Comment:**

This substitute motion replaces the Select Board's recommended total ban on focused residential picketing with one that applies only between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. It is based on the picketing ordinance of the City of Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Voted: \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ Christopher Loreti,  
Precinct 7

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_